

Application No. 09/925,867
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Amendments to the Drawings

Please approve the changes shown in red in the attached marked-up copies of FIG. 5.
A separate letter to the Draftsperson indicating the same proposed drawing changes is also enclosed.

REMARKS

I. Introduction

Pursuant to the above-noted Office Action, the drawings have been objected to for minor informalities. Claim 1 is rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 102(b) given Treharne et al. (U.S. Patent No. 5,416,471) ("Treharne"). Claims 2-21 and 23 have been allowed. Applicant acknowledges and appreciates the Examiner's allowance of these claims, and in response, Applicant cancels independent claim 1 to place the case in condition for allowance. Applicant respectfully requests reconsideration and allowance from the Examiner.

As a preliminary matter, Applicant notes that the Examiner did not initial the 1449 form that was filed with the Supplemental Information Disclosure Statement filed on January 20, 2005. Applicant respectfully requests an initialed 1449 be included with the next Office Action as a record that the cited reference entitled, EP-0 651 119 B1 to Palatianos, has been considered by the Examiner. A copy of the PTO Form 1449 is attached.

II. Drawing Objection

The drawings are objected to under 37 CFR § 1.84(p)(5) for minor informalities. Applicant acknowledges and appreciates the Examiner's indication of these minor informalities, which have been addressed through amendments to the specification and the drawings as indicated.

In response to line 200 (FIG. 5), Applicant amends FIG. 5 to include the numeral reference 200. For the receiver 80, Applicant notes that numeral reference 80 is found in FIG. 2 and amends page 5 to clarify as such. In regard to numeral references 105a, 105b, 107a, 107b, and 151, Applicant notes that these references are found in FIGS. 6A (105a, 105b, 107a, 107b) and 6B (151) (marked-up FIGS. 6A and 6B with references circled in red). Nonetheless, Applicant recognizes that FIGS. 6A and 6B have been erroneously referenced as FIG. 6. Accordingly, Applicant amends the specification to correct this minor informality.

In regard to numeral reference 82, Applicant notes that numeral reference 82 is found on page 6, line 29. Again, Applicant amends the specification to clarify that numeral reference 82 is found on FIG. 6A. For step 543 in FIG. 8B, Applicant amends page 9, line 12

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of the specification to correct the minor informality found by the Examiner. Accordingly, Applicant respectfully requests that the Examiner enter the proposed corrective changes and withdraw the objections to the drawings. A separate Letter to the Draftsperson indicating the same proposed drawing changes is also enclosed.

II. 35 U.S.C. § 102(b) Rejection of Claim 1

A. Independent claim 1

Claim 1 is rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 102(b) on the basis of Treharne. In light of the indicated allowable subject matter and to expedite prosecution, Applicant cancels independent claim 1 to place the present application in condition for allowance. The Examiner has stated that all remaining claims 2-21 and 23 are allowable. Accordingly, Applicant reserves the right to file continuing applications for the subject matter of canceled claim 1.

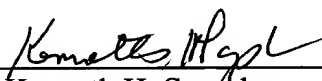
For all these reasons, Applicant respectfully submits that this application may be passed to allowance.

B. Conclusion

There being no other objections to or rejections of the claims, Applicant respectfully submits that claims 2-21 and 23 may be passed to allowance.

Respectfully submitted,

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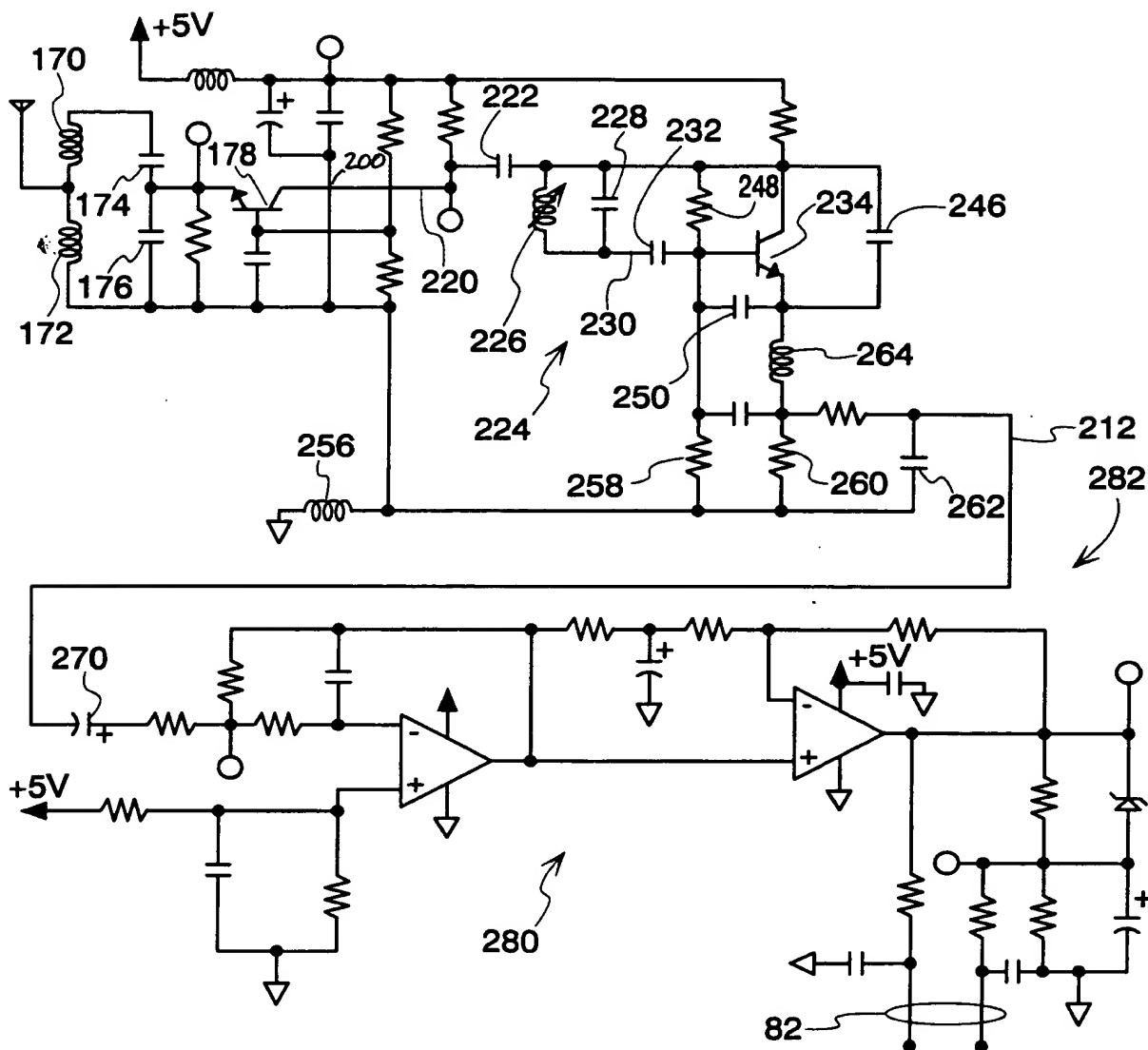


Fig. 5